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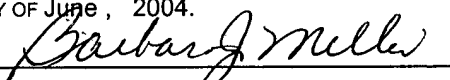
NEIL ROBERTS, ET AL. : ART UNIT: 1651
SERIAL NO.: 09/763,018 : EXAMINER: Gitomer, Ralph
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**FOR: PROCESS FOR THE RAPID MEASUREMENT OF ENZYMATIC
ACTIVITY IN A SOLID FEED SAMPLE (as amended)**

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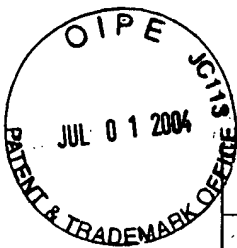
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004, please amend the
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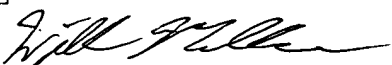
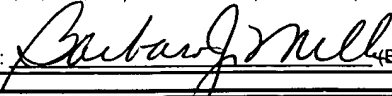
Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page
4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.



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| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER | | | | Docket No. 10892-00009-US | |
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| Applicant(s): Neil Roberts et al. | | | | | |
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|  William E. McShane Attorney Reg. No.: 32,707 | | | | Dated: <u>June 28, 2004</u> | |
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